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EDITORIAL.

THE last year has been an exceptional one in the history of the School. When the last Chronicle went to Press, the new buildings were steadily growing, while the ground available for the School's use was as steadily diminishing under heaps of building materials. Now the buildings are almost finished, and we are looking forward to moving in early in the Summer Term.[†] The new Preparatory Department, which is a separate wing, has been in use since June, 1937. It forms a temporary cloakroom, and a Form room for Upper IV., whose predecessors in 1936-7 had been using a Form room at the Grammar School. Our need for more room has been most urgent since November, when as a result of a fire in the stoke-hold, the Lower Fifth Form room was unusable. Fortunately a room was obtained at the Manor House, and this Term a common sight has been a long "crocodile" travelling between the School and the Manor House for lessons.

At the end of Summer Term Miss Deards left, and we were all very sorry to say good-bye to her. She is now teaching at Coleston Girls' School, Bristol. Miss Betts joined the Staff in September.

The following have left during the year :—

SPRING TERM, 1937 : M. Bradbury, M. Goodall, E. Manhire, J. McGregor, S. Bagshaw (Preparatory); SUMMER TERM : D. Hall, P. Bull, B. Coupland, B. Taylor, J. Smith, D. Amos, E. Dale, J. Fallowes, O. Hudson, M. Hunter, B. Jones, P. Lovatt, J. Phillips, D. Stanier, J. Stevenson, B. Torrance; Preparatory—N. Longson, K. Coventry, D. Harrison; AUTUMN TERM : M. Berrisford, J. Smith, P. Yates.

The following were admitted :—

SPRING TERM, 1937 : J. Cope, A. Clowes, L. Waterhouse (Preparatory); SUMMER TERM : M. Pattinson, M. McKeand, J. Davies (Preparatory). AUTUMN TERM : (Preparatory), A. Belcher, A. Ward; (III.), D. Appleby, P. Appleby, F. Backhouse, M. Bailey, D. Baxter, J. Bednall, S. Collins, M. Cooke, R. Goodall, B.

[†] The Magazine has unfortunately been delayed, owing to the "move." This was written in April.

Hamilton, N. Land, B. Lee, M. Lees, M. Meadows, J. Snart
G. Street, E. Thorley, G. Ward, K. Wheeldon, J. Whitehurst;
(L. V.), V. Mottram.

On June 29th, the School Birthday was celebrated in the usual way. A collection was taken for the Birthday Present amounting to £1/4/6; a suitable present will be chosen later for use in the new School.

In July, we again entertained sixty Mothers from the Birmingham Settlement. This year the weather was good, and although we had less ground in the garden, we were able to arrange several games and competitions on the field. In the evening, Miss Belford's Dramatic Class acted scenes from "Pride and Prejudice," and the day ended with community singing, in which everyone joined. The Mothers' hearty singing was evidence of their enjoyment. We are very grateful to the Parents and Old Girls, who gave us so much of the necessary provisions.

The School was unfortunately in quarantine during part of the Autumn Term. In November, both Hockey Matches, and the usual visit to the Denstone Play had to be cancelled. The Nativity Play had to be postponed until the beginning of the Spring Term. This year the "Mime of Christmas" was again performed without a stage. But we were able to invite visitors, and gave two performances, which many parents and Old Girls attended. The proceeds from the Play collection amounted to £4/9/0. A party went carol-singing on two consecutive nights, in December, and £3/5/0 was collected for St. Dunstan's.

VERA FELL.

SCHOOL NOTES.

PREFECTS—AUTUMN TERM, 1936—D. Hall (Head Girl), P. Bull, B. Coupland, B. Taylor, J. Smith, M. Bagshaw, V. Fell, B. Heath (full); N. Bentley, F. Blore, J. Stevenson, B. Torrance (on probation). SPRING TERM, 1937—N. Bentley, J. Stevenson, B. Torrance (full); J. Fallows, O. Hudson (on probation). SUMMER TERM, 1937—J. Fallows, O. Hudson (full).

SPRING TERM, 1937—HOCKEY COLOURS—P. Bull, J. Stevenson, M. Perrins, U. Hughes (renewed), B. Coupland, O. Hudson. GOOD POSITION BADGES—H. Rushton, B. Bagnall.

SUMMER TERM, 1937—GOOD POSITION BADGE—B. Dainton. DRILL BADGES—B. Dainton, B. Bagnall, K. Bailey.

AUTUMN TERM, 1937—PREFECTS: V. Fell (Head Girl), B. Heath, N. Bentley (full), M. Berrisford, D. East, M. Fryer, M. Hill, M. Perrins, J. Ward, J. Hughes, A. Surtees, P. Tipper, L. Tunnicliffe (on probation).

In Memoriam.

FREDA WARD. September 21st, 1937.

It was a great shock to the whole School to hear of the fatal accident to Freda Ward, which occurred when she went home from School on the afternoon of September 21st.

Freda was a normal, happy, healthy girl, who took her share in School life, had many friends, and loved her home and all the everyday happenings of life in the country. We sympathise deeply with her family in their loss.

M.W.C.

SCHOOL DIARY.

SPRING TERM, 1937—

- Feb. 17—Lecture by Mr. Rhys on "The British and Foreign Bible Society."
- Mar. 13—Visit to the Women's International Hockey Match, England v. Scotland, at Nottingham.
- Mar. 19—Dramatic Recital by members of the Speech Training and Dramatic Art Classes.

SUMMER TERM, 1937—

- April 28—Lecture by Mrs. Benson, on the care of mentally deficient children.
- May 18—Dorothy Hall represented the School in London at the Empire Youth Rally.
- May 22—Miss Cooper took four members of the Sixth Form to Stratford-on-Avon to a performance of "King Lear."
- May 27—Visit to the Elite Cinema to see the Coronation Film.
- May 28—Sports Day.
- June 16—Visit by Form Lower V. to the Home for Mental Defectives at Lichfield.
- June 23—A party went to Stratford-on-Avon to see "Henry V."
- June 29—School Birthday.
- July 16—Visit of the Birmingham Mothers.
- July 19—Staff and Prefects' Party.
- July 21—Dunkley Sale in aid of the Alton Cripples' Home.
- July 22—Lecture by Miss Hilton on "Outdoor Careers for Girls."

AUTUMN TERM, 1937—

- Sept. 23—Party of girls visited the Town Hall for a Cookery Demonstration.
- Oct. 11—N. Bentley and M. Fryer gave lectures on "Geneva"; M. Perrins lectured on "The Life in Nansen Pioneer Camps."

- Nov. 12—Dunkley House entertained Budgen House to tea and games.
 Nov. 26—Lecture by Mr. Mackarness on "America."
 Nov. 30—Mr. Mackay lectured on "Political Problems."
 Dec. 1—Lecture by Miss Brown on "Missionary Work in China."
 Dec. 20—Re-union.

HOUSE NEWS.

BALFOUR.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936.—Balfour was responsible for scavenging.

SPRING TERM, 1937.—In the House Hockey Matches we obtained third place.

SUMMER TERM.—On Sports Day most of our Juniors gained our points. Mona Tunncliffe won the Junior Championship and Gwyneth Mellor was runner-up.

In the Rounders Matches we won the first place with six points.

PEGGY TIPPER.

BUDGEN.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936.—Budgen with Dunkley was responsible for chairs. Owing to there being no electric light we were unable to hold our usual Whist Drive in aid of the Blind.

SPRING TERM, 1937.—We were fourth in the House Hockey Matches.

SUMMER TERM, 1937.—We won the Sports Cup, Joyce Stevenson with 28 points won the Senior Championship. We, with Dunkley and Powell, tied for second place in the House Rounders Matches.

B. C. HEATH.

DUNKLEY.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936.—Dunkley with Budgen was responsible for chairs.

SPRING TERM, 1937.—We were second in the House Hockey Matches.

SUMMER TERM, 1937.—In the Sports we were second, obtaining one point less than Budgen; M. Tebbett was runner-up for the Senior Cup. We tied with Budgen and Powell for second place in the House Rounders Matches.

This year, in place of our usual Sale of Work in aid of Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital at Alton, we had a stall for cakes, fruit and sweets. Competitions and side-shows were also organised, and we were able to send £6 13s. to the Cripples' Hospital.

V. B. FELL.

POWELL.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936.—We were pleased to welcome Miss Jackson, who became one of our House Mistresses.

SPRING TERM, 1937.—As a result of the good work of the House Hockey Team we won the Hockey Cup.

SUMMER TERM, 1937.—In the Sports we tied with Dunkley House for first place in the House Relay Race. In the House Rounders Matches we tied with Dunkley and Budgen for second place.

K. N. BENTLEY.

HONOURS LIST.

PRIZES AND HOUSE AWARDS, 1936-37.

The Annual Prize Giving held in the Autumn Term was postponed in the hope that it would be possible to combine it with the opening of the new wing. It is a great disappointment that the completion of the building has been held up by various circumstances, so that it is impossible even to hold it in the Summer Term. The date is now fixed for September 22nd, and we are fortunate in securing as our chief speaker, Dr. West, Director of Education for Dorsetshire, who was so intimately concerned in the building in its initial stages.

The absence of a Prize Giving fortunately does not mean absence of prizes, and these will be presented as well as those of 1937-8 in September.

Below are the lists of 1936-7 :—

HONOURS LIST.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD—Higher Certificate : D. Hall.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES—Matriculation Certificates : M. Berrisford, M. Hill, J. Ward.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES—E. M. Dale, D. E. East, J. C. Fallowes, M. Fryer, M. E. Hunter, M. Perrins, J. Stevenson, F. B. Torrance.

PRIZE LIST.

FORM PRIZES—II.b : K. Smith; III. : E. Bennet; L IV. : F. Hill, K. Woodcock; U IV. : U. Harris, M. Shenton, N. Cross, M. MacBean; L V.a. : A. Surtees, M. Thurman, I. MacBean; L V.b. : M. Bevan; U V. : M. Berrisford, M. Hill, J. Ward, E. Dale, M. Hunter; VI. : D. Hall.

GEOGRAPHY (presented by Mr. E. M. Mellor), P. Yates.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE, B. Torrance.

NEEDLEWORK (presented by Miss Deards), M. Perrins.

MUSIC (presented by Miss Malvern), R. Need.

SCRIPTURE (presented by Mrs. Ward), I. MacBean.

MERITA (presented by Miss Budgen), V. Fell, B. Heath.

HOUSE AWARDS.

Hockey Cup, Powell; Sports Cup, Budgen.

M. W. COOPER.

HOCKEY, 1936—37.

AUTUMN TERM, 1936.—

Derby High School,	Home,	Won	4—0.
Brownhills High School,	Home,	Won	3—0.
Burton High School,	Home,	Won	5—4.
Uttoxeter Ladies,	Home,	Won	9—2.
Longton High School,	Home,	Won	15—0.
Ashbourne Grammar School,	Home,	Won	1—0.

SPRING TERM, 1937.—

Owing to bad weather conditions, all the matches in the Spring Term were scratched, except the following:—

Westwood Hall School,	Home,	Won	9—0.
Burton High School,	Away,	Lost	5—1.

Goals scored—48.

Goals scored against School—7.

TEAM CRITICISM.

- U. HUGHES (Goal). Played well throughout the season: kicks and clearing shots accurate and well-timed.
- B. HEATH } (Backs). Reliable defence with good judgment in
F. BLORE } tackling; though sometimes slow in combining and
changing places.
- M. BAGSHAW (Centre-half). Played a good and steady game throughout the season, backing up her centre-forward very well.
- B. TORRANCE (Right-half). Not always sure of herself, but intercepting and tackling generally accurate.
- P. TIPPER (Left-half). A hard worker, and her game improved considerably during the season. She should be careful not to foul her opponent when tackling.
- P. BULL (Centre-forward). A fast forward whose work was especially good in the shooting circle.

- B. COUPLAND (Right-inner). A hard-working player with good stick work, but she should try to be quicker in picking up passes, and passing to forwards in a better position than herself.
- O. HUDSON (Left-inner). Tendency to be erratic, but capable of very good dribbling and passing.
- M. PERRINS (Right-wing). A very fast player with good control of the ball, combining well with the centre-forward and left-wing for shooting.
- J. STEVENSON (Left-wing). Another very fast player with a strong shot. Consistently good throughout the season.

M. JACKSON.

TENNIS AND ROUNDERS.

SUMMER TERM, 1937.

TENNIS.

Burton High School,	Away,	Lost 21—39.
Orme Girls' School,	Away,	Lost 23—37.
Ashbourne Grammar School,	Away,	Lost 18—42.

ROUNDERS.

Burton High School,	Home,	Juniors won 2½—2. Seniors lost 5—8.
Brownhills High School,	Home,	Juniors lost ½—3½. Seniors lost 0—5.
Westwood Hall School,	Away,	Seniors lost 2—2½.

THE SPORTS, 1937.

The Annual Sports were held on the School Hockey Field on May 26th. The weather was propitious, and consequently many Governors, parents and friends were present.

All the events were keenly contested, and there was much rivalry between the four Houses. J. Stevenson, of Budgen House, gained the Senior Championship, with 28 points; and M. Tebbett, of Dunkley House, was runner-up with 22 points. The Junior Championship was won by M. Tunncliffe, of Balfour House, with 19 points; and G. Mellor, of Balfour House, was runner-up with 13 points. The Sports Cup was won by Budgen. Miss Herbert kindly presented the prizes.

The events decided before the day were as follows:—

Cross-Country—Senior: 1 M. Massey, 2 D. Amos, 3 M. Clowes, I. MacBean.

Throwing the Cricket Ball—Senior: 1 V. Sutton, 2 J. Stevenson,
3 A. Surtees; Junior: 1 P. Capewell, 2 M. Tunncliffe,
3 K. Jackson.

Long Jump—Senior: 1 M. Tebbett, 2 J. Stevenson, 3 M. Perrins;
Junior: 1 G. Mellor, 2 M. Tunncliffe, 3 G. Robinson.

The events decided on May 26th were as follows:—

Sack Race—Senior: 1 J. Stevenson, 2 B. Coupland, 3 I. MacBean;
Junior: 1 J. Twigg, 2 J. Parker, 3 J. Martin; Under 11 years:
1 E. Findlay, 2 M. Hardy, 3 J. Marsden.

Three-legged Race—Junior: 1 G. Mellor and M. Tunncliffe;
2 S. Roberts and P. Phillips, 3 K. Bailey and M. Shenton;
Senior: 1 B. Coupland and P. Bull, 2 A. Surtees and
I. MacBean, 3 M. Hunter and M. Tebbett; Under 11 years:
1 Y. Dainton and M. Henry, 2 C. Manhire and M. Hardy,
3 R. Need and J. Marsden.

100 yards: Senior: 1 J. Stevenson, 2 P. Bull, 3 M. Massey;
Junior: 1 N. Cross, 2 M. MacBean, 3 G. Mellor.

80 yards—Under 11 years: 1 C. Manhire, 2 Y. Dainton,
3 M. Henry.

50 yards—Preparatory Dept.: 1 B. Cotterill, 2 G. Dainton,
3 D. Hudson.

High Jump—Senior: 1 A. Surtees, 4' 11"; 2 J. Stevenson, 4';
3 P. Bull, L. Dainton, 3' 11". Junior: 1 M. Tunncliffe, 3' 11";
2 K. Bailey, M. Sargeant, 3' 10". Under 11 years:
1 C. Manhire, 3' 7"; 2 R. Need, J. Perrins, 3' 2".

Potato Race—Senior: 1 J. Stevenson, 2 M. Tebbett, 3 P. Bull;
Junior: 1 P. Phillips, 2 G. Robinson; 3 R. Ward.

Slow Bicycle—Senior: 1 M. Bevan, 2 J. Phillips, 3 B. Coupland;
Junior: 1 R. Ward, 2 G. Middleton; 3 M. Baker.

220 yards—Senior: 1 M. Perrins (31 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.), 2 P. Bull, 3 J.
Stevenson; Junior: 1 N. Cross (32 secs.), 2 M. MacBean,
3 G. Robinson.

Bunny Jump—Prep. Dept.: 1 S. Bagshaw, 2 K. Coventry,
3 P. Warrington.

Flower Pot Race—Senior: 1 M. Tebbett, 2 G. Roberts, 3 M.
Massey; Junior: 1 W. Cotterill, 2 K. Mason, 3 M. Tunncliffe.

Obstacle Race—Senior: 1 M. Tebbett, 2 A. Surtees, 3 C.
Brisbourne; Junior: 1 W. Cotterill, 2 M. MacBean, 3 H.
Clarke.

Skiping Race—Under 11 years: 1 C. Manhire, 2 M. Hardy,
3 R. Need.

House Relay Race—1 Dunkley and Powell.

N. BENTLEY.

GIRL GUIDES.

1ST UTTOXETER COMPANY.

There have been several changes in the organisation of the Company during the past year.

Miss Deards left us in July, and Miss Beck, when presenting to her a framed photograph of the Company, said how very sorry we were to lose her and how much we appreciated the work she had done for the Company both as Lieutenant and afterwards as Captain.

In September it was decided to revive the Inter-Patrol Shield Competition. This has helped to establish a keener spirit in the Company, and the uniforms have been noticeably smarter.

Another innovation has been that the Patrol Leaders and Seconds should, as far as possible, arrange and conduct the Meetings. They are to be congratulated on the way in which they are doing this, and their Patrols, as a whole, have supported them loyally.

On February 3rd, the Leaders and Seconds spent an enjoyable evening in the Town Hall, assisting at the Whist Drive which was held to raise money for the Division Funds.

Our numbers still remain steady, but we are always pleased to welcome new recruits should any girls, who are not already Guides, care to join us.

R.M.B.

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL, 1936—7.

Throughout the year the main business of the School Council was concerned with the tidiness of the School and the School grounds. The Houses responsible for chairs in the Assembly Hall and Front Hall found it very difficult to keep them tidy. This was due chiefly to the lack of room in the School. The scavenging also presented a harder task than usual, because of building materials and rubbish left about by workmen.

In the Spring Term the Council decided that collections for the Building Appeal of the Birmingham Settlement should be made in forms. The lower forms worked extremely hard to raise funds by making sweets, lavender satchets and other articles, which they sold to the rest of the School. The amount realized was £10.

In the Summer Term it was decided that a picture should be bought for the School Birthday present, but that the buying of the picture should be left until the new buildings were completed.

B. HEATH.

THE FICTION LIBRARY.

The number of books in the Fiction Library has again been greatly increased this year, chiefly owing to the generosity of Mr. Smith and girls who have left. More people, however, seem to have developed a taste for reading and take out books regularly.

We are very grateful to Mr. Smith, who gave us the following books: Bulldog Drummond (Sapper), The Cross of Peace (P. Gibbs), Spy 13 (R. W. Chambers), This was England (H. A. Vachell), Country Calendar (A. G. Street), Somebody Must (O. Grant Rosman), Blackcock's Feather, The Key above the Door, While Rivers Run, The Road to Nowhere, The Small Dark Man (M. Walsh).

Joan Smith presented: The Wages of Virtue (P. C. Wren), The Hill (H. A. Vachell), The White Company (A. Conan Doyle), Barlasch of the Guard (H. S. Merriman), The Broken Road (A. E. W. Mason), Vice Versa (F. Anstey). Dorothy Hall gave us: Penny Plain (O. Douglas), Joc and Colette on the Seashore (V. Barclay); P. Bull gave us: Joc, Colette and the Birds (V. Barclay), and Pink Sugar (O. Douglas). B. Coupland presented: Judy and the Magic Rocket (D. Dudley Short), and Robin the Racer (J. F. Blake-Borough).

B. C. HEATH.
M. PERRINS.

THE EMPIRE RALLY OF YOUTH.

On May 18th I was one of the great number of young people from all parts of the Empire who were in London for the Coronation Youth Rally and Empire Service of Youth on May 18th and 19th. The idea was originally that of Major Ney, a member of the National Council of Education for Canada, and he, with the help of a committee, was responsible for the organization. It was hoped that the Rally might lead to the formation of an Empire Union of Youth in which all the young people of the Empire would work together for World Peace. There were delegates from all over the Empire—a large contingent from Canada, from Africa, Australia, India, New Zealand, British communities in Europe and, of course, from all parts of the British Isles. The organizers had arranged for anyone who wished to stay with scholars from London Schools who also attended the Service and Rally.

On the Tuesday evening we went to the Empire Rally of Youth at the Albert Hall. It was most impressive to see all the thousands of young people gathered from all over the Empire. We knew that there were to be many distinguished speakers, and

we had a delightful surprise when the Duke of Gloucester was also present. The chairman was Viscount Snell, the chairman of the London Education Committee, and after the opening address in which he welcomed us to London, the Duke of Gloucester spoke to us. He was followed by other prominent men: Earl de la Warr, who put forward the views of the younger generation of politicians; Sir Firozkhan Noon, High Commissioner for India, who spoke of the desire for peace among the youth of India; and Mr. Lyons, the Prime Minister of Australia. Then came the great speech of the evening from the then Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin; and finally, the reading of an Ode written for the occasion by Alfred Noyes.

The next morning we all went round Westminster Abbey to see the Coronation setting, and then we hoped to see the King and Queen drive in state to the Guildhall, but were very disappointed when, after sitting in the rain for two hours, we only saw them drive past in a closed car.

We spent the afternoon looking at the decorations in the West End, and at 3.30 we went to Westminster Hall for the Empire Service of Youth. The service was held in the Abbey, but it was relayed to Westminster Hall as it was impossible to accommodate every one in the Abbey. After the service the Archbishop of Canterbury came over to the Hall to speak to us personally.

Unfortunately I had to leave immediately afterwards and so was unable to see more of the decorations. The only thing I regretted about the Rally was that I did not have an opportunity of meeting some of the people from the Colonies, but this was impossible in so short a time. I hear now that the proposed Empire Union of Youth may be formed, and then perhaps my wish may be fulfilled.

D. HALL.

THE CORONATION FILM.

On Thursday, May 27th, the School went to the Elite Cinema, Uttoxeter, to see the film of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

Before the actual Coronation film we were shown a small film, "The House of Windsor." This showed some duties which Royalty are expected to perform. We saw Queen Mary and our present King and Queen—then Duke and Duchess of York, and other members of the Royal Family performing such public duties as the laying of foundation stones, the opening of hospitals and

other public buildings. We also saw our King and Queen in some important events in their lives, among them their wedding in Westminster Abbey and their Empire tour.

In the actual Coronation film we began by seeing the procession from Buckingham Palace by way of the Mall, Admiralty Arch and Whitehall to Westminster Abbey. In the procession such objects of interest as Queen Mary's procession and the Speaker's coach were pointed out to us, and we all recognized the famous gold coach bearing the King and Queen.

On their arrival at the Abbey we saw the King and Queen alight, enter, pass up the body of the church, and sit down in the Chairs of State. Then came the Ceremony of Recognition. The Archbishop of Canterbury presented the King to the people on all four sides of the church, and they showed their willingness to accept him with the words: "God save King George." The King next took the Oath with his right hand on the Bible.

The Ceremony of the Anointing was very interesting. The Archbishop took Consecrated Oil in the Anointing Spoon from the Ampulla and anointed the King on the palms of his hands, his breast, and his head. After his anointing the King was presented with his Royal Robes and Regalia. Clad in these robes the King—seated in King Edward's Chair—received at the hands of the Archbishop the Crown of St. Edward.

Thus invested and crowned the King received the homage of the peers. The Anointing, Crowning, and Enthroning of the Queen followed immediately after the homage to the King, and as the Archbishop placed the crown on her head the Princesses and Peeresses put on their coronets as the Princes and Peers had done when the King was crowned. After a little more ceremony the King and Queen left the church for the return journey through the crowded streets.

After the black and white picture we saw the whole film again in colour, when it was much more interesting, as we could see the magnificence of the Royal Robes and the glory of the Golden Coach. The uniforms of the escort such as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the escort of Indian Cavalry, the Yeomen of the Guard, and many others, were specially thrilling. The street decorations were also shown up in all their glory of red, white and blue.

J. WRIGHT.

P. MILLS.

VISIT TO THE MENTAL DEFECTIVES' SCHOOL AT LICHFIELD.

On Wednesday, June 16th, a party of girls from the Lower Fifth Form, accompanied by Miss Bullock, visited the Mental Defectives' School at Lichfield.

We left Uttoxeter at about 10 a.m. and arrived at Lichfield at 11.15. Mrs. Benson, the Organiser of Centres, and Miss Tosh, the Organising Secretary, welcomed us, and showed us round the School. Two large houses had been converted into a School for the children; the first was used as a cloakroom and storehouse, and singing and craft lessons were also given there. The second house which really was the School, consisted of several classrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, and a large dining-room.

The ages of the children ranged from four to eighteen, but they were classed according to their mental capacity. Those who had a very low percentage of intelligence played with bricks and did jig-saw puzzles, and those further advanced made rugs and very simple garments. We watched some of the children doing drill: they were only able to do very simple things, but after having seen them in School we were surprised at what they were able to understand. After lunch some of the children came in separately and Mrs. Benson explained their different defects. The brightest boy had only 60% intelligence and one girl had only 37.5%, which is equivalent to the intelligence of a normal child of four. Then we went to the other house to watch the children having their speech-training and music lesson. They played their own band in honour of our coming.

We were then shown round the grounds, which were kept in excellent order by the older boys. We arrived home at about 3 p.m. after spending a very enjoyable and interesting day.

M. MASSEY.

M. THURMAN.

VISIT TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

On June 23rd, 1937, several girls accompanied Mrs. Shipley's party to Stratford-on-Avon, and to see the play Henry V. in the Memorial Theatre.

Starting out at about 10.30 a.m., we had an interesting ride by 'bus, passing through Kenilworth Castle and through Warwick, and arriving at Stratford at 1 o'clock. Shakespeare's House was in the wide main street, and we visited it first of all. In it were several original manuscripts, Shakespeare's signet ring and some very old furniture.

We entered the huge, circular, red-brick theatre at 2 o'clock. Everyone enjoyed the play very much, and we specially admired the actors taking the parts of Henry V., his Officers and the Chorus. After the performance we had tea, and then boarded the 'bus, which took us to Anne Hathaway's Cottage at Shottery. It was a lovely timbered house with a large, well-kept garden. Inside we saw furniture and other things that Anne Hathaway used, and upstairs were the same rush-mattresses and beds that her parents had slept on.

When we had finished looking round the house and garden, we returned to Stratford, and went a trip on the Avon in a steam-launch, passing by a camping ground with a swimming enclosure. Then for about half-an-hour we were free to look round the town, and at 8.45 p.m. we started home again, reaching Uttoxeter at 11 o'clock. None of us had visited Stratford before, and so we all had a very interesting day.

I. MACBEAN.

M. MACBEAN.

A VISIT TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS SUMMER SCHOOL AT GENEVA.

July 29th—August 12th, 1937.

On Thursday, July 29th, four of us went with Miss Thomas, via Newhaven, Dieppe, and Paris, to Geneva, to attend the Junior Summer School, held there annually by the League of Nations.

Leaving Uttoxeter at 12.25 p.m., we arrived in Geneva at 6.50 p.m. the following day, after travelling throughout the night.

Geneva is a large, clean town, situated on the western shore of the Lake, and is surrounded on the other sides by ranges of mountains, among which Mont Blanc can be seen on a clear day. We were particularly struck with the wide, plane-tree lined roads, devoid of both traffic-signals and police.

Nearly every day there were four lectures. Several lectures dealt with the League itself, and others with present-day world problems. Mr. Frederick Whelen, lecturer and writer on foreign affairs, gave several very popular lectures. One lecture took place in the new Palais des Nations, through which we were afterwards conducted, making a visit to the special cinema to see a film on yellow fever and the work of the League in its prevention.

We had a half-day trip to Mont Salève. Some of us climbed up, and others téléphérique to the summit, which was just over 4,000 ft. above sea-level. On arriving at the top, we found tea waiting for us at a chalet. By the condition of the bread we

guessed that we had been expected at the chalet at least one week before we actually arrived.

One of the whole-day excursions was a very thrilling journey in a char-a-banc to Chamonix, from whence we went up to the Mer de Glace in a rack and pinion railway. After a slippery walk across the uneven surface of the glacier, a few of us walked back down to Chamonix instead of going in the train, and arrived in time to meet the rest of the party at tea.

The other whole-day excursion was a trip by the Lake steamer "Evian," to the Chateau de Chillon. We were conducted through the building by a guide who had an assistant with a tin whistle, and if any person picked up any of the numerous pewter coffee pots, or any other object of interest, the whistle would be blown very sharply, and the offender would be asked curtly, in French, to leave things alone.

All our experiences cannot be recorded here, as we could fill several volumes about people who went into shops, and unconcernedly asked for pickaxes, thinking they were asking for brooches; people who could never resist dropping into 'pâtisseries' at odd moments; people who accidentally slipped over precipices, or were left out on the mountains half the night; and about people who came in long after locking-up time, and had to climb through windows to gain entrance to their bedrooms.

We were very loath to leave Geneva, but we still had the Paris Exhibition to look forward to. Of the three hundred members of the School, about thirty took as an extension a few days' walking tour in the Savoy Alps, while sixty of us went on to Paris, where we arrived early on Tuesday morning, August 10th. After lunch we went on a tour of some of the interesting buildings in Paris, including Notre Dame, the Sainte Chapelle, and the Arc de Triomphe.

The following day we spent at the Exhibition, where we visited the Peace Pavilion, and the Great Britain, the U.S.S.R., the German, Swiss and Belgian Congo Pavilions.

Leaving Paris on Tuesday morning, August 12th, we arrived back in London about 6 p.m. after a very interesting and enjoyable trip.

M. FRYER.

VISIT TO DIEPPE.

During the Summer holidays, Miss Charles took a party of girls to Dieppe. We arrived at Dieppe early in the morning. During the time we were there we visited Paris and Rouen and the Forest of Arques. On Wednesday morning we arrived in Paris

about 10 o'clock. Our guide met us, and took us to the Madeleine, the Arc de Triomphe, Napoleon's Tomb and Notre-Dame. We also drove round the Exhibition which was really wonderful, and we were quite excited at seeing the pavilions of which we had heard so much. In the afternoon we went to the Louvre and saw many famous pictures, including the Mona Lisa. We returned to Dieppe about 5 o'clock.

On Thursday we took a motor tour to the Forest of Arques, the site of a famous battle won by Henry IV. of France, we went to a restaurant there and had both cider and galettes, a speciality of the place. The cider and the apple jam served with the galettes were made from the apples of the orchards where we sat.

On Friday we visited Rouen. Our guide took us to the Cathedral, and the square where Jeanne D'Arc was burnt; we also visited the Churches of St. Vincent and St. Owen, which is the most perfect specimen of architecture in the world. After that we went to a neighbouring hill and had a most wonderful panorama of Rouen; we then had tea and returned to Dieppe.

Saturday morning we spent in shopping, and in the afternoon we went to the Fair.

On Sunday we went to the Church of St. Jacques. We returned home on Monday, after a holiday none of us will forget.

MARY CLOWES.

LAVINIA DAINTON.

NOVEMBER 20th, 1937.

The climax to the period of upheaval during these two years of building operations came last November, when there was a fire in the School. It broke out in the stoke-hold on a Saturday evening, and had made good headway before it was discovered. I shall not soon forget the red glow in the L.V. Form room window, the hall filled with smoke, the flames bursting through the Form room door, the crowd which appeared, apparently from nowhere the moment the alarm was heard, and the sight of the blackened, smoke-stained, damp rooms on the following day. If the beams and floors had been of other wood than oak, there would probably have been no School left; as it was, only the L. V., the stoke-hold, and Mrs. Pratt's sitting room were uninhabitable, though the walls throughout the building were ruined by smoke, and it was a long time before the smell of it left the Form rooms.

There was no corner unoccupied in the School for the homeless Form, so the Education Committee rented a flat at the Manor House, above the R.P.T. Centre, where the Lower IV. remained until the end of the Spring Term.

"Sweet are the uses of adversity," said Duke Senior when he lived in the sylvan spaciousness of Arden, but even he was quite ready to return to his former comforts when the opportunity came, and we for whom the sweetness of adversity has been very much disguised, are more than ready to appreciate the beauty and freedom of our new buildings, though even at the end May, as I write this, there is much to be done before we can take complete possession of them.

M. W. C.

AMERICAN WORDS AND WAYS.

On November 26th, Mr. Mackarness visited the School to talk to the Upper Forms about America. It would be a gross inaccuracy to use the word "lecture" in this case, because I find that the Oxford Dictionary defines it as "a discourse before an audience or class, usually for the purpose of instruction, and in the nature of a sermon." Instructive it certainly was, but seldom does a sermon hold us enthralled for over an hour.

Mr. Mackarness drew for us a vivid portrait of the American—warm-hearted, hospitable, intelligent and wholly loveable. He illustrated these traits by many amusing tales, some of which were too subtle for us to appreciate at once.

It is very easy for us to underrate the American because he lives far away, and because his habits and speech are so different from ours. Several differences of this sort were pointed out by Mr. Mackarness: one of them was the method of broadcasting, which is owned and controlled by various limited companies. On one occasion he himself had been asked to broadcast, but when they discovered his "tinny" accent, they withdrew their request.

As can be imagined, rustles of envy were heard when we were told that the American School children have very long Summer vacations, owing to the heat, and that they do not attend School on Mondays! However, we were consoled to hear that they make up for it on Saturdays.

In order to understand their speech (not their slang, which is past all comprehension), Mr. Mackarness advised us to read "A Dictionary of the American Language," and the "Literary Digest." He also recommended books by H. L. Mencken, most of which are directed against the English people and, in particular, ridicule their habit of writing long articles to the "Times" whenever they see a cuckoo!

Although it came last, perhaps the most strongly emphasized point was the size of the United States, and the mixture of nationalities which make up its population.

No one could doubt the authenticity of all Mr. Mackarness's information, for even had we not been told that he visits America every January and February, we should have guessed it from the abundance of personal touches in all his descriptions.

J. E. WARD.

A TRIP ROUND THE "NORMANDIE."

We were staying at Cawsand, a little seaside village near Plymouth, when the French ship "Normandie" came in. As she is the largest ship in the world, she aroused the interest of many visitors; and as she arrived at Plymouth Sound about 6 a.m., and departed at 8 a.m., they had to rise early if they wanted to see her. The boatmen must have earned a good deal that day, as they let people go out to see her at 6d. per person.

When our boat was full we started off. Those of the people who had cameras took photographs, some from the distance, others nearer to. As we approached, her sides seemed to tower up above us: when we were on land, she had seemed quite small, but now, well—you could hardly take her in at one look.

While we went round her, the boatman showed us her three anchors—she should have had two, but one had been lost, another one put in its place, and the lost one found again, so now she had too many, and they are quite big things to lose—he also told us their respective weights. I have forgotten what they were exactly, but they amounted to several tons.

We noticed that she was very up-to-date, for her funnels were stream-lined, and it was only 1935.

At her side were three fussy little tenders: "Drake," "Hawkins" and "Raleigh," taking people—of what nationality we knew not—motor cars, luggage, and other paraphernalia to Plymouth. There were many heads sticking out of portholes, one with a chef's tall hat fixed on it, and most of the people to whom these heads belonged seemed to be smiling.

Having seen her, we went back again, and soon afterwards the "Normandie" departed for France.

J. SHERRATT.

ALTON.

This village was called in former times Elverton, then Alverton, then Aulta, and finally Alton.

The original Alton Castle dates from Saxon times and was mentioned in the Domesday book, when it was owned by the De Verdens. The second Castle was built on the same site about 1176 A.D., the same time as St. Peter's Church and Croxden Abbey. The present Church still has the old tower and the five Norman arches of the first Church, which was probably inside the Castle walls. At the same time a piece of land called Chotes, now Cotton, was given by Bertram De Verden to the Monks of Aubrey, for building an Abbey. The Monks collected at Chotes, but for some reason moved to Croxden and founded the Abbey there.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century the building of St. John's Church and School was begun by John (sixteenth Earl of Shrewsbury), this was not finished at the time owing to the death of Earl Bertram and the estate falling into Protestant hands. The part now completed and used as a school was intended for a hospital.

In 716 A.D., in what is now part of Alton Tower grounds, a battle took place between Ina, King of Wessex, and Coelred, King of Mercia. There is a rock in Slains Hollow, where the battle was fought, called Ina's Rock, under which Ina is said to have held his Parliament.

It was in 1814 that Charles, fifteenth Earl of Shrewsbury, began transforming the hills and valleys which are now part of the Tower grounds. On the site of the Ancient British Bunbury Hill, he planted the trees which make the grounds so beautiful, and made several fountains and lakes. The Towers themselves were built by John and Bertram, sixteenth and seventeenth Earls.

The Castle is now a Convent School, and the Towers have passed from the Shrewsbury family into the hands of a company of business men, who invite the public to visit the house and grounds on payment of one shilling. This may seem a sad fate for such a beautiful home, but it is better than the ruin that was following its neglect. Many thousands of people come here every year and take away with them memories of this most beautiful valley.

J. WALKER.

PURSUED.

I ran along a road, at night,
And as I went, I shook with fright ;
For just behind me, breathing fire
There came a dragon, filled with ire.
It chased me still, until at last,
It almost had me in its grasp.

I ran and ran, but still 'twas near.
I looked, and then cried out in fear :
Its eyes were red, its body green
—More loathsome thing was never seen.
Its back was covered with green scales,
And worst of all it had two tails.

And as we ran this dreadful race,
I felt the heat upon my face.
It caught me then between its claws
And soon I was within its jaws.
I shut my eyes and gave a scream,
And then woke up—it was a dream.

VALERIE J. SUTTON, Upper V.

OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY.

SUMMER TERM, 1937.—It was decided that the Summer Meeting should take the form of a ramble, but owing to the lack of interest or the inconvenience of the date, the idea had to be abandoned.

AUTUMN TERM, 1937.—Owing to an outbreak of fire at the School the Christmas Re-union was held in Elkes' Café.

Invitations were sent out to 175 Old Girls, 52 accepted and 30 sent apologies for absence.

Miss Cooper, members of the Staff and the Prefects joined the party at supper, which was followed by dancing.

During a short interval the business of the Society was transacted.

Owing to the resignation of J. Mellor, it became necessary to appoint a new Secretary. Miss Cooper took the opportunity, on behalf of the members, to express their thanks to the retiring Secretary for her great interest in the Society, and the work she had done. D. Sherratt was then elected Secretary, and M. Hunter was appointed Treasurer.

The Committees were re-elected with the addition of J. Mellor and F. Hudson.

D. M. SHERRATT.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

PEGGY BULL is studying Dietetics at King's College, London.

JOAN SMITH is a student at the Norland Institute for Children's Nurses. She is at present taking three months' hospital training in Birmingham.

DOROTHY HAMMERSLEY has finished four years' training in the Orthopædic Hospital, Oswestry. She has the Massage Certificate of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics. She is now on the After-care Staff of the Hospital.

DOROTHY HALL is a student in the Brighton Municipal Training College for teachers.

EDNA DALE has won a Dairy Scholarship for the Summer Course at Rodbaston.

PENELLA KELLY has finished her three years' training at Messrs. Johnson, of Leicester, and is staying on with them for a time.

JEAN YOUNG has finished her training at Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital at Alton, Hants., and is now at St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

MARGARET SMITH has passed the London Chamber of Commerce and the National Gregg Association Examinations held in November, 1937, in Handwriting, Typewriting and Shorthand (with honours).

DOREEN BURY has gone to Messrs. Johnson, of Leicester, for training.

DOROTHY SALT is clerk in the Railway Offices, Derby.

DOROTHY WATSON is a nurse in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

MARGARET HARPER is taking a short course of Domestic Science at Radbrooke.

BETTY TORRANCE has begun her training at the School of Art, Burslem.

JOYCE STEVENSON is a clerk at Messrs. Bamford.

MAY SHIPTON has begun her training in Derby Royal Infirmary.

PHYLLIS LOVATT is learning Dress-designing at the School of Art, Leek.

MARJORIE BERRISFORD is a clerk in the Metropolitan Cammel Carriage and Wagon Co., Birmingham.

BARBARA SUTHERLAND, who lives in Shanghai, but was in Japan at the outbreak of the war, writes :

" The fighting was not over when I came back, and I used to hear bombing, shelling, and anti-aircraft guns going. One day an anti-aircraft bullet hit my father's car, fortunately he was not in it. The other evening at 5.40 there was an aid-raid for about ten minutes, we could see the tracer bullets going through the air as it was moonlight.

The Cathedral Girls' School to which I go is singing at a Christmas Carol Concert to-morrow evening.

Our School Guide Company is helping the Salvation Army by providing Christmas hampers for poor families. My patrol has a Mrs. Warren and three children. We shall put in a pheasant, tea, sugar, bread, biscuits, raisins and sweets, and we shall deliver the hamper ourselves."

A. B.

Old Girls must have been very interested to see in the "Sentinel" in February, that Miss Forrester, a former French Mistress at the School, had taken up Y.W.C.A. work in London. She was running a hostel there, and when the notice appeared she had just been appointed to found clubs for girls in a new housing estate at Hanwell.

BLESSING & DEDICATION OF THE NEW WING, May 18th, 1938.

On May 18th a short Service for the dedicating and blessing of the new wing was taken by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Stoke. It was a great pleasure to have so many of the Governors with us on this occasion.

The Service began with prayers, dedicating the School to the glory of God, and asking His blessing on all who would work in it. After the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' the Archdeacon read a short lesson from the seventh chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, upon which he based his address which followed the singing of 'Ye Watchers and ye Holy Ones.' The theme of the address was Truth, the search for which was the object of all subjects studied in School. Truth was supremely important, not as man saw it, nor as a nation saw it, but as God saw it. Education which had any other basis than this could only be likened to the house built by the foolish man upon the sand. Though at the present day many individuals and nations were attempting to build on their varying conceptions of truth,

conceptions which left God out, their ultimate end could only be ruin.

After the blessing the School went to the different form and subject rooms, each of which was visited in turn by the Archdeacon and Governors, and in each of which prayer was offered.

We are all most grateful for the ideal set before us, and encouraged to work for it.

M. W. C.

